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In re Application of

Miles Aram DEFOREST and

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FAULT TOLERANT SYSTEM SHARED SYSTEM RESOURCE WITH STATE MACHINE LOGGING

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The Commissioner for Patents

P. O. Box 1450

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RESPONSE AFTER FINAL PURSUANT TO 37 CFR 1.16

Dear Sir:

[XXX] NO FEES ARE PAYABLE WITH RESPECT TO THIS RESPONSE.

In response to the final official action mailed January 12, 2004, please enter the following before reconsideration of this application.

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13 and 15 as follows and please enter the amended claims into the record of this case.